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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY.

84th meeting.

January 8, 1906.

The communication of the evening was by Dr. James K. Hosmer, without notes, upon "The significance of Lewis and Clark in American history." The subject was discussed by Messrs. Spofford, Bryan and Kasson, and listened to by about 50 members and guests. The evening being inclement and but a small proportion of members present, on motion of Mr. M. I. Weller, the Annual Meeting was postponed. President Kasson occupied the chair.

85th meeting.

February 12, 1906.

Dr. John F. Jameson, chief of the Bureau of Historical Research, Carnegie Institution, presented the communication taking for his theme "Gaps in the Published Records of the History of the United States." The subject was discussed by Vice-Presidents Hagner and Spofford, the latter presiding after President Kasson was compelled to withdraw on account of another engagement. Present about 75 members and guests.

The evening closed with reports and annual elections; Dr. Tindall and Col. Flint acting as tellers.

86th meeting.

March 12, 1906.

"The Life and Times of Ann Royall" was the subject selected by Miss Sarah Harvey Porter, and her communication was read by Professor Edward M. Gallaudet, President Columbian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, while Messrs. W. B. Bryan and M. I. Weller contributed additional items of interest concerning Mrs. Royall.

By invitation of the Society, Col. W. J. Wilson, of Texas, read a short sketch of the old Calvert Mansion, at Riverdale, Md., now the home of the American Historical Congress. The

subject was discussed by Professor Gallaudet and President Hagner.

There were present about 140 members and guests with President Hagner in the chair.

87th meeting.

April 9, 1906.

About 35 members and guests listened to a communication by Mr. John A. Saul, upon "Tree Culture, or a Sketch of Nurseries in the District of Columbia," which called forth an animated discussion participated in by Messrs. Bryan, Bundy, Hagner, Weller, Granger, Dr. Lamb and Mrs. M. S. Beall.

Judge Bundy called attention to the fact that since the Parking Commission has ceased to exist, the trees of Washington were not receiving the careful attention they did in times past. Mr. John Tileston Granger moved that the Columbia Historical Society, individually and as a body corporate, should interest themselves in the planting and preservation of shade trees throughout the District, and in bringing the matter, when practicable, to the attention of Congress.

President Hagner occupied the chair, and at his request, the Secretary read a series of resolutions upon the withdrawal of the Hon. John A. Kasson from the active management of the Society.

88th meeting.

May 14, 1906.

In the presence of about 175 members and guests with President Hagner in the chair, Mr. Fred E. Woodward presented the communication of the evening under the title of "A Ramble along the Boundary Lines of the District of Columbia with a Camera," illustrating his remarks with lantern slides made from photographs taken by himself during his rambles. The subject was discussed by Messrs. Weller, Hagner, Bundy, Granger, Merritt and Kasson.

Judge Bundy moved that the President of the Society be requested to prepare a suitable memorial to Congress, calling attention to these stones and asking that proper steps be taken to preserve or replace them. Ex-President Kasson offered the

amendment that a copy of the valuable communication accompany the memorial. Amendment accepted.

Vice-President Spofford read a letter from Mr. Max Lansburgh calling attention to the fact that the date of our meeting was the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Robert Morris, statesman, patriot, and financier of the Revolution. Dr. Spofford added some appropriate remarks, as did also Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnston.

89th meeting.

November 13, 1906.

Mr. W. B. Bryan as Chairman of Committee on Communications, spoke briefly of Dr. William Thornton, architect of the Capitol, and his wife who in 1800 began a diary which ran consecutively for that year and intermittently for the following years until about 1845.

Mrs. Jeannie Tree Rives had culled interesting extracts from the record for 1800 which, at her request, were read by the Secretary. Miss Virginia Miller exhibited two water-color sketches made by Mrs. Thornton in 1802.

Vice-President Barnard contributed a sketch of the Thruston family, while giving to the Society the diary or commonplace book of Judge Buckner Thruston.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to social intercourse, during which a buffet supper was served.

Present about 125 members and guests, with President Hagner in the chair.

90th meeting.

December 10, 1906.

Under the title of "Letters, authors and newspapers," Mr. George Alfred Townsend made the communication of the evening and the subject was discussed by Messrs. Spofford and Bryan.

A memorial tribute to the late Lewis J. Davis, a member since December, 1894, and one of the Board of Managers since February, 1897, was presented by the President, while Mr. John Taylor Arms offered appreciative remarks, summing up his estimate of his dead friend by saying that Mr. Davis had "the mind of a man, the heart of a woman, the soul of a

little child." Extemporaneous tributes to the worth of Mr. Davis were made by Mr. Albion K. Parris, Mr. W. B. Bryan, Miss E. B. Johnston and Mr. M. I. Weller.

Present about 50 members and guests, with President Hagner in the chair.

LETTER FROM THE HON. JOHN A. KASSON ON THE EXPIRATION OF HIS NINTH TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 12th, 1906.

To the Columbia Historical Society, Washington:

I thank you heartily for your confidence shown in me by my re-election, so many times, to the honorable office of your President. I have been so much an invalid, during the last four years, that I have not been able to do my full duty by the Society. Many things that your President should have done, have remained undone; not by his will but by reason of his infirmities.

I think the time has come when my resignation should be accepted, and a more vigorous President elected in my place. The interests of the Society seem to me to demand it. My deep interest in the Society will remain, and myself—when health permits—will be present at its meetings. But its more important interests should be in other hands. I, therefore, decline a renomination to the office.

Very sincerely and gratefully yours,

JOHN A. KASSON.

On motion of Mr. M. I. Weller, the Chair appointed Messrs. M. I. Weller, Allen C. Clark and W. B. Bryan, a committee of three, to draft a suitable reply to the letter of our retiring President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9th, 1906.

WHEREAS, The Honorable John A. Kasson has been President of the Columbia Historical Society since February 1st, 1897, by unanimous selection; and